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TAGS: MARR, ETRN, LI

SUBJECT: OMEGA: LIBERIA STATION

1. OMEGA REPS CDRS. RICHARDSON AND ASCHE HAVE OPENED DISCUSSIONS WITH GOL CONCERNING MECHANISM FOR POST-CONSTRUCTION OPERATION OF STATION.
2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR POST CONSTRUCTION OPERATION WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM GOL MINISTRY OF LANDS AND MINES TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION (MCIT), BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION, HEADED BY ASSISTANT MINISTER NATHANIEL MARSH. CURRENT THINKING ON PART GOL IS THAT MINISTRY WILL CONTRACT QUALIFIED FIRM OPERATE STATION. USG WILL PROVIDE FUNDS COVER COST OF CONTRACT DIRECTLY TO MCIT WHICH WILL PAY CONTRACTOR. OMEGA REPS SEE NO PROBLEM IF THIS ROUTE FOLLOWED. HOWEVER, THEY PREFER USG CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH OPERATING FIRM MAXIMIZING UTILIZATION LIBERIAN PERSONNEL AND GOL INVOLVEMENT DURING INITIAL TWO-YEAR PERIOD STATION OPERATION.
3. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY, IF PLAN DESCRIBED PARA 2 FOLLOWED, OMEGA STATION WOULD BE DIRECTLY UNDER SUPERVISION OFTEN INTRANSIGENT MINISTER WILLIAM DENNIS WHO HAS HISTORY INTERFERING

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(IN CASE PAN AM AIRPORT MANAGEMENT) IN DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS.

EMBOFFS HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT DIRECT GRANT MCIT WITHOUT  
IRONCLAD GUARANTEE FUNDS FOR CONTRACTOR COULD NOT BE DIVERTED  
EVEN TEMPORARILY FOR ALTERNATE USES OR DISBURSEMENT DELAYED  
INFLUENCE STATION PERSONNEL POLICIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DOES DEPARTMENT PERCEIVE ANY PROBLEMS  
IN PRINCIPLE, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE, WITH USG PROVIDING FUNDS  
DIRECTLY TO A GOL MINISTRY FOR PAYMENT CONTRACTOR? WOULD  
ESTABLISHMENT SEPARATE OMEGA AUTHORITY (WHICH WOULD PROBABLY  
STILL BE CHAIRED BY MCIT OFFICIAL) BE PREFERABLE? EMB  
INTERPRETS STATION AGREEMENT AS PERMITTING USG CONTRACT  
DIRECTLY WITH OPERATING FIRM FOR AT LEAST FIRST TWO-YEAR  
PERIOD. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST ANSWERS THESE QUESTIONS.  
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